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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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DEMANDS OF RIGS AGAINST EXPLORATION INPUTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any possibility of inflated demands of rigs against the basic exploration inputs; and

(b) if so, the need of rigs against the background of reduced PEL/ML areas of the PSU`s due to NELP concept ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): After the first and second round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), the area wherein exploration has been undertaken by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) under Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) has in fact increased. Also the production area under Petroleum Mining Leases (PML) being operated by ONGC has also gone up. While ONGC has assessed its requirement of rigs considering the extent of its exploratory and production acreages, as also capacities of its own rigs; OIL does not have any plans at present for procurement of rigs.